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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN ARMY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ARMORED PERSONNEL
CARRIERS (APC'S)

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1. IN ADVISING MISSION OFFICERS OF PERUVIAN ARMY DESIRE PROCURE 280 ADDITIONAL APC'S, GENERAL MORALES BERMUDEZ REAFFIRMED GOP POLICY STATEMENTS THAT PERU HAS NO REVANCHIST POLICIES OR AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS. HE SAID ARMY REQUIRED APC'S FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES AND HAS DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE UNECONOMIC TO REPAIR ITS OLD AND OBSOLETE TROOP-CARRYING TRUCKS AND COMPARABLE VEHICLES. PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE IS TO PURCHASE NEW VEHICLES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE CONSTANT REPAIRS OR PRESENT PROBLEMS OF UNAVAILABLE SPARES.

2. AMBASSADOR CONSIDERS THAT MAGNITUDE OF REQUESTED INCREMENT IS RATHER LARGE BUT NOTES THAT APC'S DO NOT BY ANY DEFINITION CONSTITUTE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEM. WE ARE UNABLE TO GAUGE FROM LIMA WHETHER PERUVIAN REQUEST WILL CAUSE UNEASINESS AMONG NEIGHBORS AND PERHAPS TRIGGER SIMILAR REQUESTS BUT ANY
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